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SCHEME FOR PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution level is increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to encourage plantation as a means to check pollution; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme formulated in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : Pollution level has been increasing in some parts of the country due to increasing population, industrialisation, urbanisation and increase in number of vehicles. However, because of various measures taken by the Government, there has been a reversal trend in some of the major cities. The Government has initiated an urban green belt programme as one of the measures to check pollution in cities. A pilot project `Green Belt for Abatement of Pollution and Environmental Improvement` has been taken up. In order to extend the scheme to various cities in different States, the Central Pollution Control Board has asked the State Pollution Control Boards to assess their requirement and formulate proposals for consideration.